England should not be sent to prison by retaliation, even should there be a general order for it.

A friend wrote to me from Paris that he was afraid the handsome things thought and said of me there *me feroient du tort chez nous.* Can I help being liked ?

I found a Captain Davies, of Hull, at Calais, who had made his escape from Arras; and as I happened to be well with the people there, the magistrates and commissioners made no opposition to my putting him down as a servant of mine, and I have brought him over.

The De Mauldes have suffered great losses by speculating in the Caisse d'Escomptes.

Perregaux writes me word that his daughter is asked in marriage by a man past forty, and she *d'accord.* This is the youngest Barthélemy. It is an awkward circumstance at this time, when the elder brother is on his way to Cayenne. The rulers cannot like Perregaux's forming such a connection.[1]

London, 1798.

All London was yesterday in a hubbub on

the sudden arrival of Sir Sidney Smith from

i This marriage did not take place.